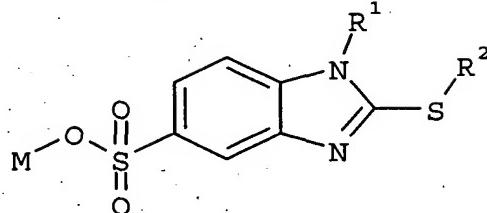
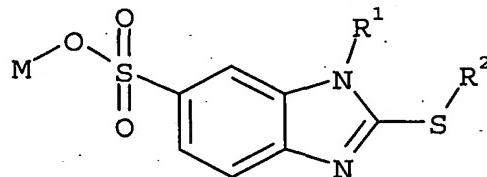


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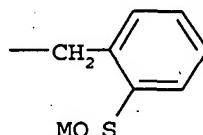
1. A compound represented by formula (I):



- 5 a compound represented by formula (II):



or a mixture of at least one compound represented by formula (I) with at least one compound represented by formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R¹ is hydrogen,

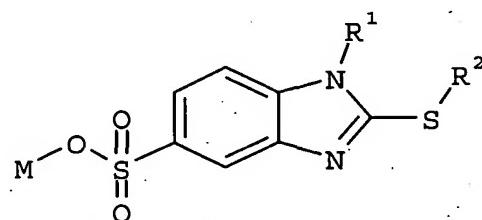


10 a -(CH₂)_mSO₃M group or a MO₃S group; R² is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5.

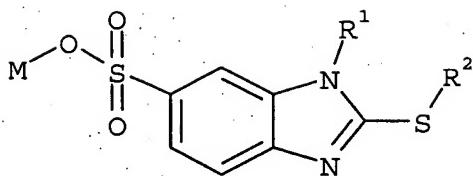
- 15 2. Compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a -(CH₂)_mSO₃M group and n is 12 to 24.

3. Compound according to claim 1, wherein R¹ is a -(CH₂)_mSO₃M group and n is 12 to 16.

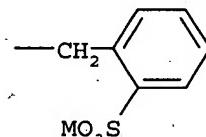
- 20 4. A process using at least one compound represented by formula (I):



at least one compound represented by formula (II):

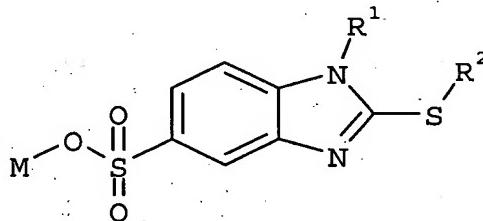


or a mixture of at least one compound represented by said formula (I) and at least one compound represented by said formula (II), wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R¹ is

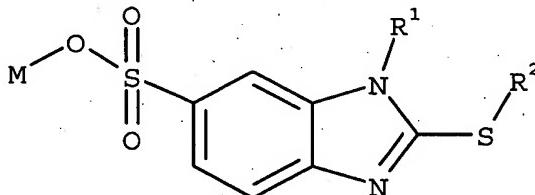


hydrogen, a -(CH₂)_mSO₃M group or a MO₃S group; R² is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5, as a surfactant.

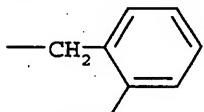
5. A photographic material comprising a support and at least one layer containing photosensitive silver halide, characterized in that said photographic material contains at least one compound represented by formula (I):



at least one compound represented by formula (II):



15 or a mixture of at least one compound represented by said formula (I) and at least one compound represented by said formula (II) as a surfactant, wherein M is hydrogen, an alkali atom or an ammonium group; R¹ is hydrogen, a -(CH₂)_mSO₃M group or a



20 group; R² is an alkyl-, alkenyl- or alkynyl- group having 6 to 25 carbon atoms; and m is an integer between 1 and 5.

6. Photographic material according to claim 5, wherein said support is provided with at least one subbing layer or subbing layer system.
- 5 7. Photographic material according to claim 6, wherein at least one subbing layer or subbing layer system contains at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (I), at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II) or a mixture of at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (I) and at least one compound represented by the above-mentioned formula (II).
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